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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD FOR THE SEPARATION OF
INTERMEDIATES WHICH MAY BE USED
FOR THE PREPARATION OF
ESCITALOPRAM

Examiner: Sudhakar Katakam

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 34 of this paper.